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ENTERPRISE, OREGON

Wasted Energy.

A Baltimore man had decided that he must administer a stern lecture to his six-year-old son Harry. The boy had been naughty, but did not seem to appreciate the fact, and it was with some reluctance, therefore, that the parent undertook a scolding.

He spoke judiciously, but severely. He recounted the lad's misdeeds and duly explained the whys and wherefores of his solemn rebuke, his wife the while sitting by duly impressed.

Finally, when the father ceased for breath and incidentally to hear the culprit's acknowledgment of error, the lad, his face beaming with admiration, turned to the mother and said:

"Ma, isn't pa interesting?"—Harper's Monthly.

At the Wrong Place.

It was an exceedingly luxurious and forbidding looking hotel. Nevertheless the worn, dusty and bedraggled one marched courageously across the lobby to the desk.

"What," he inquired, "are your prices?"

"Room without bath, \$3.50; with bath, \$4," the clerk rattled off glibly.

The dusty and bedraggled one pondered.

"Well, please give me," he remarked finally, "a bath without a room. And kindly see that a nice soft eiderdown pillow is placed in the tub. Also be especially sure that"—

At this point a cold glitter in the clerk's eye closed the incident.—New York Times.

Ignored the Old Law.

The evidence had shown that the brick which a careless workman had dropped from a scaffolding twenty feet above the surface of the ground had fallen on a man's shoulder and broken a bone, but the jury decided that the victim had no cause for action—the falling of the brick had no necessary connection with the accident.

"Gentlemen," said the judge, "I never heard of such a verdict. You utterly ignore the existence of the law of gravitation."

"That law, your honor," answered the foreman of the jury, "is so old that we decided not to consider it. It's obsolete."

Fire and Water.

A new insurance inspector had just completed his first trip in one of the big office buildings. He was making up his report in the office of the superintendent of the skyscraper.

"Well," said the superintendent, "did you find everything all right?"

"Yes," said the other, with a grin, "all right but in one instance."

"What?"

"It had to do with the buckets in the corridors."

"What was the matter there?" inquired the superintendent. "I had them filled just the other day."

"That's it exactly," replied the official. "The label reads, 'For Fire Only,' and you have put water in them!"—Youth's Companion.

CONTRACT LET FOR WATER WORKS

AMERICAN LIGHT AND WATER COMPANY TAKES BONDS AT PAR

COUNCIL'S GOOD BARGAIN SAVES MONEY FOR CITY—CONTRACT SIGNED.

WORK TO BEGIN APRIL 1

System To Be Completed Within Four Months—Details of Big Deal.

At a special meeting of the council Thursday night the contract for the Enterprise water works was let to the American Light & Water company of Kansas City, Mo., on the company's bid made by its representative, R. K. Lowry, the bid being made in detail for the different parts of the work and material, but will aggregate less than the total, \$30,000, for the bonds. Just how much less will depend on several things, but more especially on the reservoir site, and extent of distributive pipe laid this first year.

The company takes in payment for the contract, the city's 5 per cent. bonds at par and accrued interest.

The work is to begin as soon as weather and ground conditions make it possible, or about April 1, and is to be completed within four months from the starting date, barring accidents or delays not the fault of the contractor.

The system when completed will be one of the most complete and best in all the Pacific Northwest, say competent engineers who have had a great deal to do with water works in Idaho and Washington as well as Oregon. The plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Lowry are first-class in every respect. They have been gone over by Fred A. Tolman, an eminent engineer of Boise, Idaho, and pronounced O. K. "If you get the work done according to the specifications," says Mr. Tolman, "you will have a first-class system."

So along about August 1st, Enterprise will have one of the best water works plants of any town, regardless of size, in the Northwest. A supply of pure spring water sufficient for a town of five or six thousand people, brought from a point

280 feet above the city in an 8 inch main, with a reservoir to break the too high pressure, bringing it down to about 80 pounds, also to furnish a reserve supply of water in case of accident to the supply pipe from the springs or in case of fire.

The water supply is known by frequent tests to run practically an even quantity at all seasons, and at about the same temperature. No ice will be needed to cool Enterprise's drinking water, or fire to boil it for drinking purposes.

It is the opinion of the councilmen, and of others who have followed the matter closely that a good bargain has been made for the city. The company takes the 5 per cent bonds at par, a figure no other small town has been able to sell its bonds for.

Even Boise cannot float its bonds at par for less than 6 per cent. It is a clear gain of at least one per cent, or \$300 a year on the investment, or \$3000 for the 10 year period before the bonds are redeemable. Mr. Lowry also lowered his bid one cent a foot on all the pipe, which was a saving of over \$400, and as he under his agreement with the council was to receive \$300 for the plans and specifications, unless his company was awarded the contract, another saving of \$300 was effected.

The council has proceeded cautiously in the matter from the first step in the negotiations, and everything was done that could be thought of to protect the city's interests.

The mayor and all the councilmen were present Thursday night, except Mr. Combes, who was detained at home by illness in his family. Mr. Lowry was present and after some discussion, cut his bid one cent per foot on the 45,000 feet of pipe that will be used. On motion his bid was then accepted, and by resolution, with the usual emergency clause, the mayor and city recorder were authorized to enter into a contract with the American Light & Water company to construct and install the Enterprise water system.

Has La Grande Contract Too.

The same company, the American Light & Water company, was given the contract for the La Grande water system, Wednesday night, at the contract price of \$146,000. As here,

the company takes city bonds at par in payment.

Big Snows on Snake.

Will Rankin returned Wednesday from Snake river. He says the storms there were the worst in years but no stock suffered as the chook arrived in time. There were 10 inches of snow right on Snake river and 18 inches on Salmon river at Whitebird. Mr. Rankin reports mining development work progress-

of Al. Graham, Tuesday night. The same night a wee daughter was born to the wife of E. A. Crossier, east of town.

Mrs. James Nolan left Thursday for Baker City to see her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Edwards.

W. W. Winnings left Wednesday for Twin Falls, Idaho, to look after a shipment of horses he recently made to that place.

Some smart aleck put cayenne pepper on the stove at the church Wednesday night, just at the close of services. The offender is unknown or it would go hard with him.

Isn't it about time the express

Her Way.

There was an old dorky in Virginia who lived happily with his wife and seemed to every one to be a model husband. A white man who appeared to enjoy less domestic bliss called upon the old fellow for the secret of his marital success.

"Since yo' axes me," returned the dorky, "I'll tell yo' how Ah does it. Ah jes' lets hah hah own way an' Ah hah hah way too!"

First Sumptuary Laws.
Laws regulating eating, drinking and dressing are almost as old as history itself. Nothing like exactness can be reached in the matter, but it is safe to say that it was in Egypt, as far back as 3000 B. C., that the first practical sumptuary statutes were passed. Among the Romans they first appeared in the celebrated "twelve tables." In modern times Charlemagne was the pioneer in sumptuary legislation.

The Pedant Under the Microscope.
A scholar has a considerable amount of sound learning, and he is afraid that his fellow citizens may not fully appreciate it. So in his conversation he allows his erudition to leak out, with the intent the stranger should say, "What a modest, learned man he is, and what a pleasure it is to meet him!" Only the stranger does not express himself in that way, but says, "What an admirable pedant he is, to be sure." Pedantry is a well recognized compound, two-thirds sound learning and one-third harmless vanity.—S. M. Crothers in Atlantic.

Race Traits.
The Celt, or the kind of man our ignorance calls Celt, has shown himself more than any of his brethren of other races dogged in following his ideas, whether in politics, in religion or in social customs—dogged and dauntless, beaten often, but never giving in, never changing his demand and not readily even changing his tactics.—Dublin Freeman's Journal.

A Desperate Charge.
"They charged like demons," said the retired colonel excitedly. "I never saw anything to touch it. The way they charged positively staggered me."

"Whom does he mean?" whispered the man who had just come in to his neighbor. "Is he talking about one of his old battles?"

"No," replied the other. "He's talking about the holiday he spent at the Swiss hotel."—Liverpool Mercury.

"It Isn't Me."
The Ottawa Herald tells of a farmer who received a telegram from New Mexico saying that his son had been killed and asking what they should do with the body. The bereaved father sent word that the body should be sent to him. Next day he received a dispatch from his son saying, "My corpse shipped to you, but it isn't me."—Kansas City Star.

A Disadvantage.
A man was praising the improvements made by a friend in his dwelling. "Your house looks a lot better now that it has been all newly painted."

"Well," the man who had been redecorating admitted gloomily, "it does look a bit better. But we shall have to wash the windows more frequently to keep in harmony with it!"—London Family Herald.

What He Didn't Want.
The stranger with the empty look on his face went to the office of the institution that said on the front, "Vacuum Cleaner."

Approaching the desk, he asked absently: "Do you keep a vacuum cleaner?" "Yes," said the smart person behind the desk. "What do you want—a sumpoo?"—Chicago News.



MOUNT ETNA AND PEASANTS AT MESSINA.

When the great earthquake destroyed Messina, Reggio and many other towns in Sicily and Calabria the residents of Catania and Taormina feared an eruption from Mount Etna, and thousands of people fled from the section surrounding the volcano. All the volcanoes in the earthquake zone became more or less active, but Stromboli, which is in the Lipari islands, was the only one that did much damage.

ing nicely. The Copper Mountain company has five men at work.

Mudslide Near Elgin.

A mudslide over a hundred feet long, seven miles north of Elgin, has blocked the railroad since Wednesday. The trains meet at the slide, and the passengers transfer.

Stage Co. Gives Up Mail Contract

Lostine Postmaster Asks For Bids To Carry Mail To Depot.

Lostine, Jan. 21—The revival meetings at the Christian church, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Stevens, are crowded nightly. So far there have been two conversions and four additions to the church. Mr. and Mrs. Caudle were baptized in the river Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Eighth grade examinations are in progress Thursday and Friday.

Fine Bros. started Thursday with a big bunch of horses and mules for the winter range on the Chesalmus.

H. B. Starr, who was ill for several days with heart trouble, is again able to be at his hardware store.

A short circuit caused the dynamo at the electric light plant to burn out Wednesday evening, and there will be no juice till the dynamo is rewound.

Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick and Miss Russell spent the day at Wallowa, Wednesday.

Harvey Carlyle has returned from a visit with his parents at Boise, Idaho.

W. H. Graves was down from Enterprise Thursday looking after his sheep that are being fed near here.

W. E. Taggart, the Enterprise real estate and insurance agent, was here on business, Thursday.

Postmaster S. L. McKenzie has posted notices that by order of the department he will receive sealed bids from January 19 to January 29 for carrying the mail for the ensuing year between the postoffice and the depot. The stage company will turn the mail contract over to the railroad January 30.

A daughter was born to the wife

company extended its service to this place? All our express now goes on to Enterprise and has to be brought back 10 miles.

The La Mott show attempted competition with the revival meetings but after one night's rivalry, moved on to greener pastures.

FRATERNAL NOTES.

The Royal Neighbors will give a weight social in the Fraternal hall, next Thursday night, January 28. Everybody invited. Refreshments and a good social time.

Three Modern Woodmen and three Royal Neighbors went out to Flora the latter part of last week and attended lodge out there, seeing some fine work done, and being royally entertained. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mathews, E. E. Rodgers and C. A. Lonsley.

Smoke the Advertiser—best of all 5 cent cigars. Made in Enterprise.

It Might Be of Interest To You

To know that we have lots, within five minutes walk of the Public Square, with pure running water on every lot, size 70x300 feet, prices from \$200.00 to \$325.00. Easy terms.

This is a proposition you cannot afford to overlook.

If you can find anything in town that beats this, buy it, and if you don't need it yourself, tell us about it and we will take it off your hands.

Of course we cannot keep these, so come in quick if you want one.

O. R. & I. CO.

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The People Who Do The Real Estate Business.

The Early Bird Doesn't Get All The Snaps

Here are some pretty good pickings for the late ones. Lots of winter weather to come and we are selling Ladies' and Children's Coats and Furs at from one-fourth to one-third off. That means

A \$12 Coat for \$9 - A \$6 Coat for \$4.50
And a \$4 Coat or Fur for \$3.

Also CUT PRICES on Felt Slippers and Felt Lined Shoes, Overcoats, Mittens, Etc.

A few of those cotton blankets at \$1.00 a pair.

Ladies' and Children's Hoods and Fascinators from 25 cents up. BARGAINS IN OTHER LINES. See the Rice we are selling at 5 cents a pound. California Extracted Honey at 12 1-2 cents a pound. Red Cross Mince Meat, Chow Chow, Prepared Mustard and Olives.

ECONOMY JARS—Pints, Quarts and Half-Gallons.

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